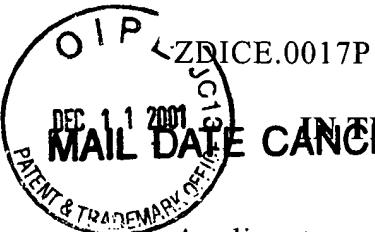


#4 1-3502
Pre And A
S. Zimmerman
PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Elia R. Tarantino) Group Art Unit: 3711
Appl. No. : 09/838,949)
Filed : April 19, 2001)
For : MULTI-PLAYER GAME AND)
GAMING SYSTEM)
Examiner : Unknown)

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all
marked attachments are being deposited with the
United States Postal Service as first-class mail in
an envelope addressed to: Assistant
Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.
20231, on

December 4, 2001

R. Scott Weede, Reg. No. 37,755
DC 17 2001
RECEIVED
U.S. MAIL ROOM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please amend
the application as indicated.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-28.

Please add the following new claims:

29. A method of playing a game comprising:
accepting a wager;